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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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SUBJECT: RUBBER - ANRPC NATURAL RUBBER PRICE STABILIZATION  
SCHEME

REF: (A) STATE 2587; (B) BANGKOK 1765

1. DURING A MEETING FEBRUARY 26 WITH US RUBBER INDUSTRY  
REPRESENTATIVES (MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS), INDUSTRY  
REPS INFORMED DEPTOFFS THAT HIGHER NATURAL RUBBER (NR)  
PRICES SINCE NOVEMBER 1975 HAD RESULTED IN SELLOUT OF NR  
STOCKS ACCUMULATED BY THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT SINCE  
START OF GOM'S UNILATERAL NR STOCKPILING AND SUPPLY  
RATIONALIZATION MEASURES IN LATE 1974. INDUSTRY REPS  
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SPECULATED THAT THIS COULD POSE PROBLEMS FOR PROPOSED

NR BUFFER STOCK UNDER ASSOCIATION OF NATURAL RUBBER  
PRODUCING COUNTRIES (ANRPC) PRICE STABILIZATION SCHEME,  
WHICH IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY ANRPC MEMBERS.

2. ONE US INDUSTRY REP WHO RECENTLY VISITED MALAYSIA AND  
TALKED WITH GOM PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MINISTER MUSA HITAM  
SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT MUSA HITAM FELT THAT HIS  
CREDIBILITY WITH NR CONSUMERS MAY HAVE BEEN IMPAIRED.  
INDUSTRY REP SAID THAT IN PUSHING ANRPC PRICE STABILIZATION  
SCHEME MUSA HITAM HAD STRESSED THAT NR BUFFER STOCK WOULD

OFFER PROTECTION TO CONSUMERS ON THE UP SIDE AS WELL AS  
TO PRODUCERS WHEN PRICES WERE FALLING. NOW, HOWEVER,  
BUFFER STOCK (OR AT LEAST GOM STOCK) HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED,  
AND THERE IS NOTHING TO PROTECT CONSUMERS AGAINST HIGHER  
NR PRICES IF DEMAND FOR NR CONTINUES STRONG.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR  
CONFIRMING SELLOUT OF GOM NR STOCKS. DEPARTMENT WOULD  
ALSO APPRECIATE ACTION ADDRESSEE ASSESSMENTS OF CURRENT  
OUTLOOK FOR ANRPC PRICE STABILIZATION SCHEME. INGERSOLL

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